(i) if so, whether it is fact that indents registered for imports indicate a price of round Rs. 2000 per kg.

g) if so, is the action of his Ministry against the consumer on the one side and the country on the other; and

(h) by when such an action will be revised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Under the Scheme of delicensing Phased Manufacturing Programme is to be got approved from the Government before commencement of production.

(b) to (d) The stage of manufacture of a drug is decided in consideration of several factors such as availability of technology and cost of production, involvement of foreign exchnge, essentiality etc.

(e) to (h) The case relating to the import of Rifampicin is subjudice and is pending in the Delhi High Court.

Steps for promoting energy conservation in the country

2571. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO:
SHRI G. SWAMY NAIK:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking active steps to promote energy conservation in the country.

(b) whether a separate board for energy conservation will be set up;

(c) whether any estimates have been made about the saving of energy, especially in older industries, by modernising the plants and recovering the waste head; and

(d) if so, what is the likely saving of energy in this sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, Sir. The measures initiated by Government for conservation of energy include energy audits, fixation of annual targets for reduction in energy consumption in respect of the public undertakings concerned with energy intensive industries, evolving a system of reporting and monitoring of energy consumption, fiscal incentives such as grant of 100 per cent depreciation allowance under Income Tax Rules on a number of energy saving devices, rectification of inefficient agricultural pumpsets, emphasis on installation of efficient pumping systems, in future, modification of existing ISI specifications pertaining to various commonly used electric appliances to ensure display of energy efficiency parameters on the rating plats and spreading awareness among consumers through publicity.

(b) No decision has so far been taken to set up a seperate board for energy conservation.

(c) and (d) While no detailed exercise has been carried out, the Inter-Ministerial Working Group on Utilisation and conservation of Energy had, in its report submitted in 1983, estimated the savings potential by the application of waste heat recovery systems on oil fired furnaces/boilers at Rs. 40 crores annually.

प्लास्टिक उद्योग में एकक

2572. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :** क्या **उद्योग** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में मध्यम तथा लघु क्षेत्र में प्लास्टिक उद्योग के एककों की संख्या कितनी हैं, उनका वार्षिक उत्पादन कितना हैं और उस उत्पादन में से कितने उत्पादन की देश में ही खपत हो जाती हैं तथा कितना बाहर निर्यात कर दिया जाता हैं ; और